

continued to strive for what was right for decades, using his energy to improve those systems that so many Americans rely on. He was as committed to Social Security and protecting older Americans as he was to upholding the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party, creating a strong future for the next generations.

BOB MATSUI was a terrific mentor and a terrific friend to me. While our time together was cut too short, he provided an excellent role model of how to stay true to your beliefs even in the face of adversity. Today I join all Californians and Americans in mourning Congressman ROBERT MATSUI. Serving with him in this body will always be one of the great honors of my career.

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BURGESS). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that the whole number of the House is 428.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### REMARKS ON THE DEATH OF THE LATE HONORABLE ROBERT T. MATSUI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. PELOSI) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the gentleman from California (Ms. ZOE LOFGREN) for taking out this special order on our dear friend BOB MATSUI and to all of our colleagues who participated in it.

I hope it is a comfort to the Matsui family, to Doris, Brian, Amy and Anna, that so many people in this Chamber and I know throughout the country share their grief and are praying for them at this sad time.

#### SUPPORTING THE TSUNAMI VICTIMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, the gentleman from South

Carolina (Mr. WILSON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as the previous cochair of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans, I rise to express our solidarity with the people of India and the Indian American community in the aftermath of the devastating tsunami that has affected so many nations in the Indian Ocean.

Earlier tonight, a resolution of sympathy for South Asia was presented by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) and the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS), chairman and ranking member of the Committee on International Relations, along with the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH), who is leading a delegation to the affected areas, and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), Indonesian Caucus cochairman.

Nearly 140,000 people in 11 countries in South Asia and East Africa have died, approximately 3 to 5 million people have been displaced and citizens of over 40 countries have been affected by the tsunami. The most devastating death toll was in the nation of Indonesia, which is appreciated as the world's largest Muslim democracy of nearly a quarter of a billion people. India has nearly 15,000 casualties. In this time of need, the American people and our government are demonstrating the generosity and compassion that have been the hallmark of American society and culture since our Nation's founding.

As we grieve for the dead, we must also continue to work hard to save those now living in the wake of this terrible disaster. Under the leadership of President George W. Bush, America has committed \$350 million in relief to the nations in need. This substantial funding will go a long way to helping the estimated 3 to 5 million people who now face numerous hardships as they lack access to the basic necessities of life.

Our country and our people are also contributing to this effort in countless other ways. Almost immediately after the disaster occurred, the United States military dispatched aircraft and ships to survey the damage and deliver supplies. Presently there are disaster relief assessment teams on the ground and 20 ships and 80 military aircraft in the area and en route, with 12,600 American military serving the relief effort. The U.S. Pacific Command said this week it is deploying 20 ships from docks in Hong Kong, Guam and the island of Diego Garcia. The ships are loaded with medical equipment and mobile hospitals, 41 helicopters, 2,100 Marines, 1,400 sailors and the capacity to generate 600,000 gallons of fresh water daily. Our Secretary of State Colin Powell and Governor Jeb Bush of Florida are tonight visiting the devastated nations of South Asia, proving

our sincere efforts for reconstruction and recovery. Additionally, the United States Department of Defense and USAID have established coordination centers in Bangkok, Thailand, and Colombo, Sri Lanka. These centers will help coordinate the massive U.S. relief efforts.

As the world has witnessed throughout our history, the American men and women in uniform always act boldly to help those in need.

Over the past week, I have been most encouraged by the outpouring of support from the American people. Since December 26, Americans have contributed hundreds of millions of dollars to help those in need. Yesterday President Bush asked President George H.W. Bush and President Bill Clinton to head a nationwide charitable fund-raising effort. In the coming days they will urge all Americans to donate directly to reliable charities already providing help to tsunami victims. My colleagues, as you advise your constituents as you receive inquiries where to send contributions, I have two suggestions that I would want to suggest to you that I have learned in working with the Embassy of India here in Washington. First is the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund which is the Embassy of India at 2107 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest, Washington D.C. 20008. Additionally in India itself, the Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund of the American Chamber of Commerce of India, the AmCham, which is Room 1262, Maurya Sheraton Hotel, S.P. Marg, New Delhi, India. Both of these are organizations that will work to help in the recovery and restoration for the people who have been affected by the tsunami.

I am confident that this effort will further highlight the tremendous decency of the American people. In the 1840s, historian Alexis de Tocqueville wrote, "When America asks for the cooperation of its citizens, it is seldom refused. And I have often seen it afforded spontaneously with great good will."

Most importantly, we should all remember that no contribution is too small. President Bush has asked that we all contribute as we are able to do so and fortunately citizens are responding in innovative ways. In my home State of South Carolina, an 11-year-old girl donated \$11 she collected at her birthday party. In Columbia, South Carolina, Jack Edgerton, corporate president of Adluh Flour Company, and the Allen family recently demonstrated another example of the concern and compassion exhibited by the American people. They have offered to send nearly 100,000 pounds of flour from the farmers of South Carolina to affected countries, and I do appreciate their generosity. I am also grateful to Dr. Jim Carpenter of Oconee County, South Carolina, who has practiced